

11. (Twice Amended) A paper conducting assembly in a folder apparatus, comprising:

a first cylinder having a circumference and knife assemblies assigned to the circumference;

a paper conducting cylinder having an outer circumference and supporting a flat material on the outer circumference;

a biased product seizing element assigned to the circumference of said first cylinder engaging said flat material on said outer circumference so as to hold the flat material on the paper conducting cylinder; and

at least one product gripper attached to the paper conducting cylinder for rotation therewith, the product gripper selectively extending beyond the outer circumference of the paper conducting cylinder to hold the flat material against the outer circumference.

13. (Twice Amended) A method for holding a flat material in a folder of a printing press on different supporting surfaces comprising the steps of:

supporting a leading edge of a web of material on a first supporting surface of a paper conducting cylinder with a biased product seizing element in a first engaged position, the biased product seizing element being on another cylinder cooperating with the paper conducting cylinder;

having a product seizing element adopt a first disengaged position upon entry of the web of material in a cutting area; and

gripping the leading edge with a gripper while the biased product seizing element is in the first engaged position, the product gripper extending beyond an outer circumference of the other cylinder to hold the leading edge against the outer circumference.

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~~15~~ (Amended) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein said product seizing element adopts a second disengaged position after the gripping step.



15/16: (Amended) A device for seizing a flat material on a transporting surface comprising:  
a first cylinder having a surface and having knife assemblies assigned to the surface;  
a paper-conducting cylinder having an outer circumference and supporting a flat material  
B6 on the outer circumference; and  
a biased engaging bolt assigned to the surface, the biased engaging bolt adopting an  
engaging position upon cooperation with said flat material received on the outer circumference;  
and  
at least one product gripper attached to the paper conducting cylinder for rotation  
therewith, the product gripper selectively extending beyond the outer circumference of the paper  
conducting cylinder to hold the flat material against the outer circumference.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Price in view of Nagano.

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. Independent claims 1, 11, 13 and 16 have been amended, as has dependent claim 15.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

#### Rejection of Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

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Price discloses a cutting mechanism for a gum wrapping machine. A feeder wheel 2 rotates and has pockets 23 for receiving a piece of gum. Plungers 25 have a small pin 29 to hold the gum in place. Paper 39 from spool 40 passes between the outer surface of wheel 2 and a stationary guard 37 extending partially around the circumference of the wheel 2. The guard 37 prevents the gum from being flung out of the pockets 23 due to centrifugal forces. The wheel 2 thus rotates with respect to guard 37. As the paper exits guard 37, a cutting roller 54 cuts the